

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on April 6, 2016 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in the third floor Hearing Room.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, Chair – *via telephone*
Mary M. Brown, RN – *via telephone*
Lisa S. Freeman, Public Member – *via telephone*
Geraldine Marrocco, RN – *via telephone*
Gina M. Reiners, RN – *via telephone*
Carrie Simon, Public Member – *via telephone*

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jennifer Long, APRN

ALSO PRESENT: Stacy M. Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH
Joanne V. Yandow, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH
Pamela Pelletier-Stevens, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Helen Centeno, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Patricia Fennessy, RN, Connecticut Technical High School System – *via telephone*
Regina Wrenn, RN, Vinal Technical School – *via telephone*

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

FACT-FINDING

Vinal Technical School, Middletown, CT – LPN Program Closure

Mary Brown made a motion, seconded by Carrie Simon, to vacate the vote from fact-finding on March 23, 2016. The motion passed with all in favor except Geraldine Marrocco who abstained.

Mary Brown made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, that due to the program's failure to maintain an average passing rate of at least 80% of the students taking the licensing examination as required by regulations, to delay the current class to graduate in January 2107 and to take the NCLEX examination. If the pass rate on the examination is less than 80 percent, the program will be ordered to close. Mary Brown voted in favor of the motion. All other Board members voted in opposition, therefore the motion failed.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Carrie Simon, to issue a decision recommending to the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health that the LPN program at Vinal Technical School be closed immediately. The motion passed with all in favor except Mary Brown who was opposed.

Mary Brown and Carrie Simon left the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, recommending that closure of the program proceed pursuant to § 20-90-47(h) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (Public Health Code). The motion passed with all members present voting in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 9:46 a.m.

Patricia C. Bouffard, D.N.Sc., Chair
Board of Examiners for Nursing

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on April 20, 2016 at the Department of Public Health Complex, Room 470-A/B, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Lisa S. Freeman, Public Member
Gina M. Reiners, RN
Carrie Simon, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jennifer Long, APRN
Geraldine Marrocco, RN

ALSO PRESENT: Stacy M. Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH
Kathleen Boulware, RN, Public Health Services Manager, DPH
Pamela Pelletier-Stevens, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Helen Centeno, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Sara Montauti, HPA, DPH
Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney, DPH
Linda Fazzino, Staff Attorney, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, OLRC, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:34 AM.

OPEN FORUM

Nothing reported

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Brown, to add a license reinstatement review for Heather Delaney, LPN to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES

Pamela Pelletier-Stevens, Nurse Consultant, DPH, Helen Centeno, Nurse Consultant, DPH and Sara Montauti, HPA, DPH provided a synopsis of the 2015 statistics for the Registered Nurse and Licensed Practical Nurse programs.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Helen Centeno, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided a summary of nursing scope of practice inquiries received by the Department of Public Health in March 2016.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from the University of Hartford, University of Connecticut and Central Connecticut State University

NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARD OF NURSING UPDATE

Patricia C. Bouffard, and Kathleen Boulware, RN, Public Health Services Manager, DPH provided an update of the National Council of State Board of Nursing midyear meeting that was held in Baltimore on March 14-16, 2016.
Board members can view all the presentations from the meeting at the National Council web-site.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 23 2016

Mary Brown moved to approve the minutes as edited. The motion was seconded by Carrie Simon and passed with all in favor except Gina Reiners and Lisa Freeman abstained.

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Gina Reiners moved to approve the minutes as edited. The motion was seconded by Lisa Freeman and passed unanimously.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Kathryn Jaworski, L.P.N. - Petition No. 2015-1194

Gina Reiners moved to affirm the Board's prior decision placing Ms. Jaworski's license on probation for four years. The motion was seconded by Lisa Freeman and passed with all in favor except Carrie Simon who abstained. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

Michelle Murphy, R.N. - Petition No. 2015-265

Gina Reiners moved to affirm the Board's prior decision placing Ms. Murphy's license on probation for two years. The motion was seconded by Mary Brown and passed with all in favor except Carrie Simon who abstained. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

LICENSE REINSTATEMENT REVIEW

Heather Delaney, L.P.N.

Kathleen Boulware, RN, Public Health Services Manager, DPH presented a license reinstatement review for Heather Delaney, LPN.

The Board recommended that Ms. Delaney's license be reinstated to probation for a period of four years with the usual probationary terms following completion of a LPN refresher program and the NCLEX LPN examination.

CONSENT ORDERS

Danielle Dragon, L.P.N. - Petition No. 2016-349

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Danielle Dragon, LPN. Ms. Dragon was not present and was not represented by counsel. Gina Reiners moved to approve the Consent Order as written. The motion was seconded by Mary Brown and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

HEARING

Gregory Klimaytis, RN – Petition No. 2016-131

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Klimaytis was not present and was not represented by counsel.

Testimony was provided by Lavita Sookram, RN, Department of Public Health.

Following the close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding.

Gina Reiners moved and Carrie Simon seconded that Mr. Klimaytis be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners moved and Carrie Simon seconded to issue an Order revoking Mr. Klimaytis' registered nurse license. The motion passed unanimously.

LICENSE REINSTATEMENT REQUEST

Sara Kaiser, LPN

The Board reviewed a request for a reinstatement hearing for Sara Kaiser who had her license revoked in July 2010.

Mary Brown made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to grant the request for a hearing. The motion passed unanimously. A hearing will be scheduled for July 20, 2016.

HEARING

Jasmine Rivera-Gonzales, RN – Petition No. 2015-517

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Rivera-Gonzales was present was represented by Attorney Richard Brown.

Testimony was provided by Jolanta Gawinski, Department of Public Health.

Mary Brown left the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Gina Reiners moved and Carrie Simon seconded to enter executive session to obtain testimony from Ms. Gawinski regarding confidential medical/treatment records. The motion passed unanimously and the Board entered executive session beginning at 11:35 a.m.

Lunch 12:20 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Executive session testimony from Ms. Gawinski resumed from 1:00 p.m. until 1:25 p.m. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

Gina Reiners moved and Lisa Freeman seconded to reenter executive session for discussion relating to confidential medical/treatment records and to take testimony from Ms. Rivera-Gonzales regarding the treatment records. The motion passed unanimously and the Board entered executive session beginning from 1:47 p.m. until 2:31 p.m. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

Following close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding.

Gina Reiners moved and Carrie Simon seconded that paragraphs 1, 2, 3, and 5a of the Statement of Charges are proven and that paragraphs 4 and 5b are not proven. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners moved and Carrie Simon seconded to issue an Order placing Ms. Rivera-Gonzales' license on probation for a period of six months with employer reports once every two months and that she complete course work relating to medication administration and nursing documentation. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners left the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

HEARING

Todd Stockheimer, RN – Reinstatement Request

Mr. Stockheimer was present with Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present representing the Department of Public Health.

Carrie Simon moved and Lisa Freeman seconded to enter executive session for discussion regarding confidential medical/treatment records. The motion passed unanimously and the Board entered executive session beginning from 4:23 p.m. until 4:44 p.m. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

This hearing will be scheduled for completion at the May 18, 2016 meeting of the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Patricia C. Bouffard, D.N.Sc., Chair
Board of Examiners for Nursing